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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ROMANIAN LANDSAT GROUND STATION

1. SINCE MAY 1977 THE ROMANIAN COMMISSION FOR SPACE
ACTIVITIES (RCSA) HAS BEEN DISCUSSING A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING WITH NASA UNDER WHICH THE RCSA WOULD ESTABLISH
A LANDSAT GROUND STATION NEAR BUCHAREST. THIS PROPOSED
ROMANIAN STATION WOULD OVERLAP WITH ABOUT 75 OF THE
COVERAGE OF THE LANDSAT STATION LOCATED NEAR ROME AND
(OPERATED BY TELESPAZIO) AND WITH ABOUT 60 OF THE COVERAGE
OF THE STATION UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEAR TEHRAN (OPERATED
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BY IRAN'S PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION). NASA THEREFORE
TOLD THE RCSA THAT BEFORE SIGNING AN MOU, NASA WOULD WANT
THE RCSA TO REACH MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE UNDERSTANDINGS ON
RESPONDING TO REQUESTS FOR LANDSAT DATA OF THE ABOVE-
MENTIONED OVERLAPPING COVERAGE ZONES. THE RCSA CONSULTED
WITH TELESPAZIO AND THE PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION (PBO)
IN DECEMBER 1977 AND IN CONVERSATIONS WITH NASA THIS WEEK

REPORTS THE FOLLOWING:

2. DURING MEETINGS IN DECEMBER 1977 BETWEEN THE ROMANIAN COMMISSION FOR SPACE ACTIVITIES (RCSA) AND TELESPAZIO OF ITALY AND BETWEEN THE RCSA AND THE PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION OF IRAN (PBO), THE FOLLOWING MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE UNDERSTANDINGS WERE REACHED:

-- A. IN PRINCIPLE--THE RCSA, TELESPAZIO AND THE PBO ARE EACH PREPARED TO REGULARLY ACQUIRE AND PUBLICLY DISTRIBUTE LANDSAT DATA OF ALL AREAS WITHIN RANGE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE LANDSAT GROUND STATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH EACH AGENCY'S LANDSAT GROUND STATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NASA. -

-- B. IN PRACTICE REGARDING THE OVERLAPPING COVERAGE AREAS ON THE ROMANIAN ITALIAN AND IRANIAN LANDSAT GROUND STATIONS --

---- --THE RCSA WILL REGULARLY COLLECT (AT A STATION TO BE CONSTRUCTED NEAR BUCHAREST) AND PUBLICLY DISTRIBUTE LANDSAT DATA OF ROMANIA.

---- --TELESPAZIO AND THE PBO WILL REFER TO THE RCSA ALL REQUESTS FOR LANDSAT COVERAGE OF ROMANIA EVEN THOUGH SUCH COVERAGE MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE GROUND STATIONS LOCATED NEAR ROME AND TEHRAN.
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---- --THE RCSA WILL REFER TO TELESPAZIO AND THE PBO ALL REQUESTS FOR COVERAGE OF AREAS OUTSIDE OF ROMANIA WHICH ARE WITHIN RANGE OF THE STATIONS NEAR ROME AND TEHRAN.

3. REQUEST THAT EMB OFFS IN ROME AND TEHRAN CONTACT POLICY LEVEL OFFICIALS AT TELESPAZIO AND THE PBO RESPECTIVELY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE UNDERSTANDING PROVIDED TO NASA IN PARA TWO ABOVE IS IN FACT ACCEPTABLE TO SUCH OFFICIALS. REQUEST THIS BE DONE ON AN URGENT BASIS AND THAT THE EMBASSIES CABLE IMMEDIATE RESPONSES TO THE DEPARTMENT AND NASA.

4. (LOU) FYI: NASA IS NOT CERTAIN THAT DURING THE DECEMBER 1977 DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE RCSA, TELESPAZIO AND THE PBO ANY UNDERSTANDINGS (ORAL OR WRITTEN) WERE ACTUALLY REACHED ON THE SPECIFIC MATTER OF RESPONDING TO REQUESTS FOR DATA OF THE OVERLAPPING COVERAGE ZONES. IF THE UNDERSTANDING (PARA TWO) PROVIDED TO NASA BY RCSA WAS ACTUALLY REACHED OR IN ANY EVENT IS NOW ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH TELESPAZIO AND THE PBO, NASA PLANS TO PROCEED

WITH THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE RCSA. IF,
HOWEVER, EITHER TELESPAZIO OR THE PBO HAVE DIFFICULTIES
WITH THE UNDERSTANDING AS STATED IN PARA TWO, NASA WILL
ASK THE RCSA TO AGAIN CONSULT WITH TELESPAZIO AND
THE PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION. WE DO NOT WISH TO
PUT OURSELVES IN THE MIDDLE OF ANY NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS
MATTER. END FYI. VANCE

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